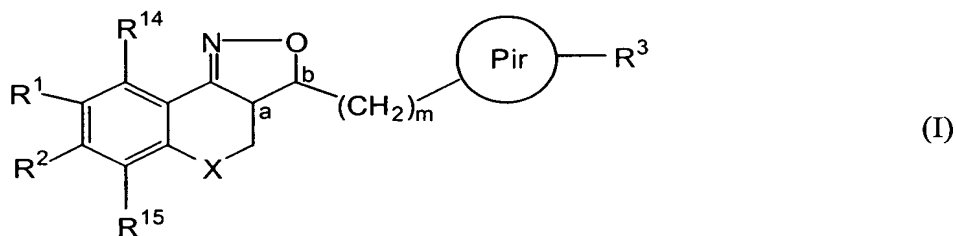


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound according to the general Formula (I)



the pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salts thereof, the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof and the *N*-oxide form thereof, wherein :

X is CH<sub>2</sub>, N-R<sup>7</sup>, S or O ;

R<sup>7</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, Ar, Ar-alkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkyloxycarbonyl and mono- and di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl ;

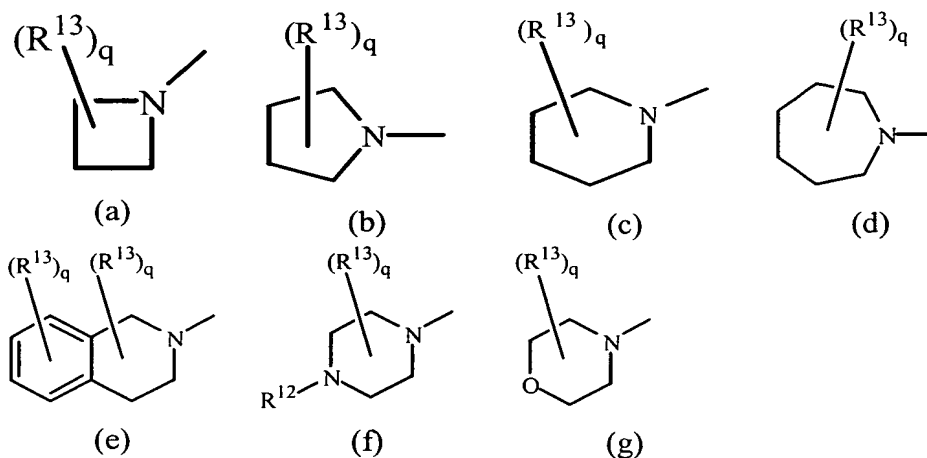
R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup> are each, independently from each other, selected from the group consisting of

- hydrogen ;
- halo ;
- a radical selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, -OSO<sub>2</sub>H, -OSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyloxyalkyloxy, tetrahydrofuranyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkyloxyalkylcarbonyloxy, pyridinylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyloxy, alkyloxyalkylcarbonyloxyalkyloxy, alkyloxyalkylcarbonyloxy, alkenyloxy, alkenylcarbonyloxy, mono- or di(alkyl)aminoalkyloxy, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyloxyalkyloxy ;
- a radical selected from the group consisting of cyano, CN-OH, CN-oxyalkyl, alkyl, alkyloxyalkyl, alkyloxyalkyloxyalkyl, alkyloxyalkyloxyalkyloxyalkyl,

alkylcarbonylalkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, alkyloxycarbonylalkyl, Ar-alkyl, Ar-carbonylalkyl, Ar-oxyalkyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminoalkyl, mono- or di(alkylcarbonyl)aminoalkyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonylalkyl, Het-alkyl, formyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, Ar-carbonyl and Ar-oxycarbonyl ;

$-N-R^{10}R^{11}$  wherein  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  each, independently from each other, are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, Ar, pyridinyl, Ar-alkyl, pyrrolidinylalkyl, piperidinylalkyl, homopiperidinylalkyl, piperazinylalkyl, morpholinylalkyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminoalkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkenylcarbonyl, Ar-carbonyl, pyridinylcarbonyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(Ar)aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(alkyloxycarbonylalkyl)aminocarbonyl, pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, aminoiminomethyl, alkylaminoiminomethyl, *N*-benzylpiperazinyloiminomethyl, alkylsulphonyl and Ar-sulphonyl ; or

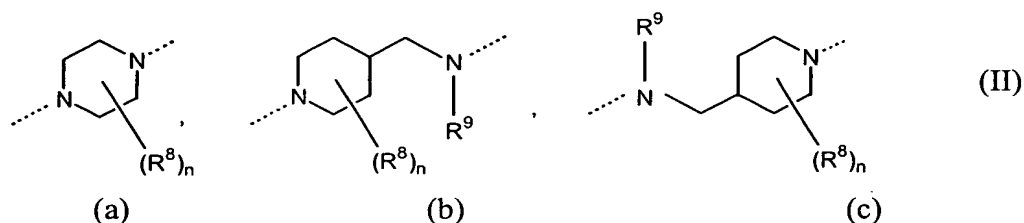
$R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  may be taken together and with the N may form a monovalent radical selected from the group consisting of



wherein :

$R^{12}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, Ar, Ar-alkyl, Ar-alkenyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkyloxyalkylcarbonyl and mono- or di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl ;

- each  $R^{13}$  is, independently from each other, selected from the group consisting of alkyl, oxo, Ar, Ar-alkyl, Ar-alkenyl and alkyloxycarbonyl ;
- q is an integer ranging from 0 to 6 ;
- alkylthio ;
  - Ar and Het ;
- ~~with the proviso~~ with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  is not hydrogen.
- Ar is phenyl or naphthyl, optionally substituted with one or more halo, cyano, oxo, hydroxy, alkyl, formyl, alkyloxy or amino radicals ;
- Het is a heterocyclic radical selected from the group consisting of Het<sup>1</sup>, Het<sup>2</sup> and Het<sup>3</sup> ;
- Het<sup>1</sup> is an aliphatic monocyclic heterocyclic radical selected from the group of pyrrolidinyl, dioxolyl, imidazolidinyl, pyrrazolidinyl, piperidinyl, dioxyl, morpholinyl, dithianyl, thiomorpholinyl, piperazinyl and tetrahydrofuryl ;
- Het<sup>2</sup> is a semi-aromatic monocyclic heterocyclic radical selected from the group consisting of 2H-pyrrolyl, pyrrolinyl, imidazolinyl and pyrrazolinyl ;
- Het<sup>3</sup> is an aromatic monocyclic heterocyclic radical selected from the group consisting of pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, furyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl and triazinyl; or an aromatic bicyclic heterocyclic radical selected from the group of quinolinyl, quinoxalinyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzisothiazolyl, benzofuranyl and benzothienyl ;
- wherein each Het-radical may optionally be substituted on either a carbon or heteroatom with halo, hydroxy, alkyloxy, alkyl, Ar, Ar-alkyl, formyl, alkylcarbonyl or pyridinyl ;
- a and b are asymmetric centers ;
- (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub> is a straight hydrocarbon chain of m carbon atoms, m being an integer ranging from 1 to 4 ;
- Pir is a radical according to any one of Formula (IIa), (IIb) or (IIc)



optionally substituted with  $n$  radicals  $R^8$ , wherein :

each  $R^8$  is independently from each other, selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, amino, nitro, cyano, halo and alkyl ;

$n$  is an integer ranging from 0 to 5 ;

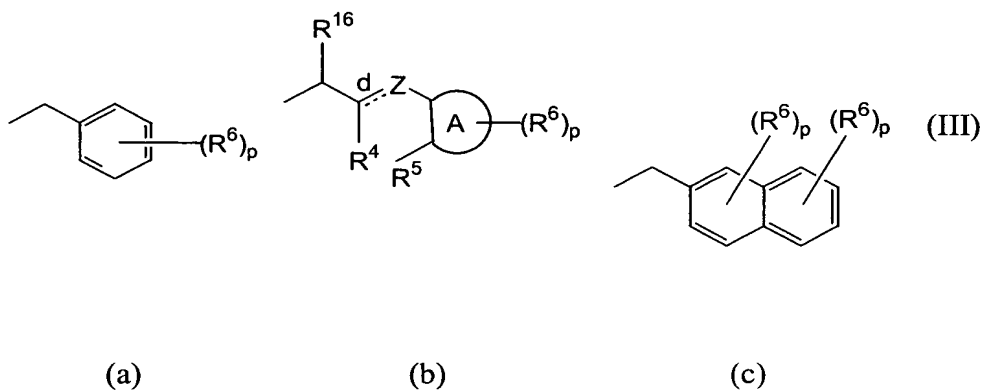
$R^9$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl and formyl ;

$R^3$  represents an optionally substituted aromatic homocyclic or heterocyclic ring system together with an optionally substituted and partially or completely hydrogenated hydrocarbon chain of 1 to 6 atoms long with which said ring system is attached to the Pir radical and of which may contain one or more heteroatoms selected from the group of O, N and S ;

alkyl represents a straight or branched saturated hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a cyclic saturated hydrocarbon radical having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms, optionally substituted with one or more halo, cyano, oxo, hydroxy, formyl or amino radicals and

alkenyl represents a straight or branched unsaturated hydrocarbon radical having one or more double bonds, optionally substituted with one or more halo, cyano, oxo, hydroxy, formyl or amino radicals.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein characterized in ~~that~~  $R^3$  is a radical according to any one of Formula (IIIa), (IIIb) or (IIIc)



wherein :

- d is a single bond while Z is a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -C(=O)-, -CH(OH)-, -C(=N-OH)-, -CH(alkyl)-, -O-, -S-, -S(=O)-, -NH- and -SH-; or d is a double bond while Z is a trivalent radical of formula =CH- or =C(alkyl)- ;
- A is a 5- or 6-membered aromatic homocyclic or heterocyclic ring, selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyranyl, pyridinyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, thienyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, furanyl, oxadiazolyl and isoxazolyl ;
- p is an integer ranging from 0 to 6 ;
- R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are each, independently from each other, selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, Ar, biphenyl, halo and cyano ; or
- R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> may be taken together to form a bivalent radical -R<sup>4</sup>-R<sup>5</sup>- selected from the group of -CH<sub>2</sub>-, =CH-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH=CH- , -O-, -NH-, =N-, -S-, -CH<sub>2</sub>N(-alkyl)-, -N(-alkyl)CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>NH-, -NHCH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH=N-, -N=CH-, -CH<sub>2</sub>O- and -OCH<sub>2</sub>- ;
- each R<sup>6</sup> is independently from each other, selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, amino, nitro, cyano, halo, carboxyl, alkyl, Ar, alkyloxy, Ar-oxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkylthio, mono- and di(alkyl)amino, alkylcarbonylamino, mono- and di(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, mono- and di(alkyl)aminocarbonyloxy, mono- and di(alkyl)aminoalkyloxy ; or
- two vicinal radicals R<sup>6</sup> may be taken together to form a bivalent radical -R<sup>6</sup>-R<sup>6</sup>- selected

from the group consisting of -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-C(=O)-, -C(=O)-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-, -CH=CH-CH=CH-, -CH=CH-CH=N-, -CH=CH-N=CH-, -CH=N-CH=CH-, -N=CH-CH=CH-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-C(=O)-, -C(=O)-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-C(=O)-CH<sub>2</sub>- and -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>- and R<sup>16</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, Ar and Ar-alkyl.

3. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 2, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ X = O ; m = 1 ; Pir is a radical according to Formula (IIa) wherein n = 0 ; R<sup>3</sup> is a radical according to Formula (IIIb) wherein d is a double bond while Z is a trivalent radical of formula =CH-, A is a phenyl ring, R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or alkyl and R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> are each hydrogen.

4. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein, ~~any one of claims 1-3, characterized in that~~ R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>14</sup> and R<sup>15</sup> are each, independently from each other, selected from the group consisting of hydrogen ; halo ; cyano ; hydroxy ; alkyloxy ; alkylcarbonyloxyalkyloxy ; alkyloxyalkylcarbonyloxyalkyloxy ; monoalkylaminocarbonyloxyalkyloxy ; morpholinylalkyl ; -NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, wherein R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> each, independently from each other, are selected from the group of hydrogen, pyrrolidinylalkyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminoalkyl, pyridinyl, alkylcarbonyl and phenylalkyl ; or R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> are taken together to form a radical (a) wherein R<sup>13</sup> is oxo or a radical (f) wherein R<sup>12</sup> is hydrogen and q = 0 ; ~~with the proviso~~ with the proviso that at least one of R<sup>14</sup> and R<sup>15</sup> is not hydrogen.

5. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein ~~any one of claims 1-3, characterized in that~~ R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are both either hydrogen or methoxy and R<sup>14</sup> and R<sup>15</sup> are each, independently from each other, selected from the group consisting of hydrogen ; halo ; cyano ; hydroxy ; alkyloxy ; alkylcarbonyloxyalkyloxy ; alkyloxyalkylcarbonyloxyalkyloxy ; monoalkylaminocarbonyloxyalkyloxy ; morpholinylalkyl ; -NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>, wherein R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> each, independently from each other, are selected from the group of hydrogen, pyrrolidinylalkyl, mono- or di(alkyl)aminoalkyl, pyridinyl, alkylcarbonyl and phenylalkyl ; or R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> are taken together to form a radical (a) wherein R<sup>13</sup> is oxo or a radical (f) wherein R<sup>12</sup> is hydrogen

and  $q = 0$ ; ~~with the proviso~~ with the proviso that at least one of  $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  is not hydrogen.

6. (Currently Amended) A compound which is degraded *in vivo* to yield a compound according to claim 1. ~~any one of claims 1-5.~~

7. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-6~~ for use as a medicine.

8. (Currently Amended) The use of a compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-6~~ for the manufacture of a medicament for treating depression, anxiety, movement disorders, psychosis, Parkinson's disease and body weight disorders.

9. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and, as active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-6~~.

10. (Currently Amended) A process for making a pharmaceutical composition ~~according to claim 9~~, comprising mixing a compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-6~~ and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

11. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and, as active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-6~~ and one or more other compounds selected from the group consisting of antidepressants, anxiolytics, anti-psychotics and anti-Parkinson's disease drugs.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The use of a compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-6~~ for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of depression,

anxiety, movement disorders, psychosis, Parkinson's disease and body weight disorders, said treatment comprising the simultaneous or sequential administration of a compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-6~~ and one or more other compounds selected from the group consisting of antidepressants, anxiolytics, antipsychotics and anti-Parkinson's drugs.

14. (Currently Amended) A process for making a pharmaceutical composition ~~according to claim 11~~, comprising mixing a compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-6~~ and a compound selected from the group consisting of antidepressants, anxiolytics, antipsychotics and anti-Parkinson's disease drugs and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.